

Rep. Thomas Stevens, Chair
House General and Housing Committee
Vermont House of Representatives
Att: rwild@leg.state.vt.us

Dear Chairman Stevens,

I am writing in hope that the Legislature will pass H. 184 to change the new lead paint rules and fees for owner landlords.

The rental house that my husband and I own in Wilmington was built in 1908 as a summer cottage on a hillside in the village. My grandparents bought it in 1915, added heat and a basement (hand dug by my father and his brothers) and lived there until 1978 when we bought the house from my Grandfather.

We lived there until 1990 when we moved next door to a "newer" house (built by my father when he returned from serving with the Army in World War 2). We have rented our old house on a year-round basis to local couples and families over the past 32 years. We have charged \$1,000 per month for at least the last 25 years to keep it affordable for local people.

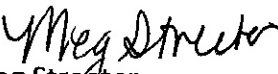
I have been a career Realtor since 1984 and am well aware of our local rental shortage. We did consider turning the house into a short-term rental for a greater financial return but we feel better about renting to local working people,

I took the lead maintenance class years ago and am confident we met the lead paint rules in effect. Now the new Health Department rules will make it financially impossible for us to hire others to do any painting work without either raising the rent greatly or converting to Airbnb type use.

We are such small fish in a big rental pond but I fear our experience and finances will be duplicated by other landlords should the Health Department rules not be changed.

Please do support H. 184. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


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